

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 6, 15-17, and 19-21 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The amendments are supported in the specification. Particularly, support for claims 1 and 15 can be found at page 2, line 19 to page 3, line 8, and the amendments merely restore the preamble portions of the claims as originally filed; support for claim 16 can be found at page 10, line 12, which corrects a clerical error and provides the antecedent basis for claim 19; support for claims 16-17 and 19-21 can be found at page 3, line 15 to page 12, line 3. No new matter has been introduced.

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action on April 18, 2008 and Advisory Action dated May 12, 2008, Applicants submit this second response to the Actions and request the entry of amendments into the application. Applicants believe that the claim amendments would put the application in condition for allowance without raising new issues or issues of new matters. A petition for second month extension of time and change of address accompany this response.

Applicants request the Examiner's favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks.

Claim Objections

The Examiner's Action objected to claims 1, 2, 16, 17, and 19-21 because of informalities.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 16, 17, and 19-21 to correct the informalities. Claims 16, 17, and 19-21 have been amended to clarify the definition for "Z." Accordingly, the objections are overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

The Examiner's Action rejected claims 1, 15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; the Action also rejected claims 2-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being dependent upon indefinite claims.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, and 19 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claim 16 has been amended to correct a clerical error and provides antecedent basis for claim 19. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to point out what chiral compounds are to be synthesized. Accordingly, the rejections are overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's Action indicates that claim 18 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all objections and rejections have been overcome and Claims 1-21, as amended, are in condition for allowance, early notice of which is requested.

Additional extension fee of \$170 for the second month extension is required for this response. Should any other fee be required, please charge the same to deposit account no. 50-2586 and notify Applicants' attorney.

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